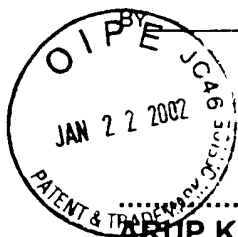


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Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2001, be extended three months until December 21, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 covering the fee for such extension is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount which may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2775. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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